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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

The Office issued a *Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief* on March 13, 2008. According to the *Notification*, appellant's brief does not identify the status of all claims filed in the application.

Responsive to the *Notification*, applicant hereby submits a replacement "Status of the Claims" section.

Respectfully,
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(3) Status of the Claims

Claims 1-19, 21, and 33 have been canceled and claims 20, 22-32, 34-40 are pending.

Each of the pending claims stand rejected. All of the rejected claims are being appealed.

It is notable that *substantive* arguments for patentability are presented for all pending independent claims (claims 20, 31, and 37) as well as some of the dependent claims (claims 25, 35, and 38). The patentability of dependent claims 22-24, 26-30, 32, 34, 36, and 39-40 will not be separately argued except to note that they are allowable based on their dependency on an allowable base claim.